

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
V.

**ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING
TRIAL**

HUY HOANG DANG
Defendant

Case Number: A-10-243M

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Part I—Findings of Fact

Alternative Findings (A)

- ✓ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense:
 ✓ for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. § 801, et seq.
 □ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- ✓ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community, as established by finding (1).

Alternative Findings (B)

- ✓ (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
 □ The defendant is not a citizen of the United States and is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence.
Although the defendant has permanent residency status in the US, that status is in jeopardy given the charges against him. He has been in the Austin area for only three years, and has no strong ties, either through work or family connections, to this area. The case involves substantial sums of cash and the marijuana plants seized had a value in the millions of dollars, suggesting that the defendant may have the assets necessary to flee, and no property or other collateral was offered by the defendant to secure his presence at trial.
- (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Alternative Findings (C)

- The defendant is currently on probation, supervised release, or parole for an offence under federal, state or local law.

Alternative Findings (D)

- After consulting with counsel, defendant waived his right to a hearing at this time, without prejudice to seeking release in the future.

Part II—Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

Based on the findings set forth above, I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing establishes by:

- ✓ a preponderance of the evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance.
 □ clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of the community.

Part III—Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

March 30, 2010

Date



Signature of Judicial Officer

Andrew W. Austin, United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judicial Officer